



**AFTER FINAL PROCEDURE - PLEASE EXPEDITE HANDLING  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: CONJUGATE OF THERAPEUTIC ) Confirmation No.: 4195  
AGENT FOR JOINT DISEASE AND) HYALURONIC ACID )

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2004,  
please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Attachments** include copies of three certified English  
translations of Japanese priority documents are attached  
following page 9 of this paper.